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It should be noted that the "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

ACTIVITIES

The "Daily Worker", issue of October 14, 1952, Page 8, Column 5, contains an article announcing that on the evening of that date a meeting was to be held in honor of KAREN MORLEY, an individual who had been subpoenaed to appear before the House Un-American Activities Committee. The meeting was to be in New York City and the subject was scheduled to be a speaker.

Confidential Informant T-1 on October 21, 1952 advised that subject had been a speaker at the above-mentioned meeting and had spoke along the lines severely criticizing the McCarran Committee for using tactics of the "Witchhunters of Salem and more recently of HITLER and his Nazis".

Confidential Informant T-1 has advised on October 3, 1952 that an American Labor Party (ALP) Rally had been held on September 30, 1952 at Hunts Point Palace in New York City. According to the Informant this rally was in the nature of an election rally, and that the Informant was of the opinion the subject in his speech closely followed the Communist Party line, advocating such things as the fact that the United States had no business entering the Korean War and that the War itself was just to make money and big profits for Wall Street.

Confidential Informant T-1 further advised of an ALP Rally held on October 27, 1952 at Madison Square Garden, New York City. Informant stated that MARCANTONIO spoke as Chairman of the ALP and subject's speech stressed that the two major parties were anti-labor and anti-people. He said that it was a lie that STEVENSON (ADLAI STEVENSON) was good. He said that in Boston, STEVENSON had embraced "that loathsome creature and stoolpigeon, HERBERT PHILBRICK". He told of alleged testimony given by PHILBRICK in the McCarran Act Hearings in Washington, D. C. In this purported testimony, according to the Informant, he said that PHILBRICK had admitted recruiting youth into the Party and then reporting them to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is noted that at mention of the word "FBI" there were hisses and boos from the audience.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised on November 4,

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1952 that he had been in attendance at an ALP Rally on November 2, 1952, which was a State Rally, on the corner of 110th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City. According to the Informant, the subject as Chairman of the ALP had made a speech which was an attack on the war being conducted in Korea and, according to the Informant, was the usual "Peace" line of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-8 in April, 1953 furnished a publication entitled "Prisoners Relief", which was issued by the Prisoners Relief Committee of the Civil Rights Congress in New York City. This publication was dated April, 1953 and in its masthead lists VITO MARCANTONIO as Chairman of this Committee.

It should be noted that the Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 9835.

MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential Informant T-5 in January, 1953 stated that it was his experience that the Communist Party did not completely dominate the ALP, but actually VITO MARCANTONIO was the absolute head of the ALP. He explained that a situation where the political thinking of MARCANTONIO was contrary to that of the Communist Party, the ALP would follow the direction of MARCANTONIO. By way of illustrating this point the Informant stated that when war broke out in Korea, the Communist Party line was to blame the South Koreans for attacking the North Koreans. Informant recalled that the subject had felt that the ALP should take no stand on who started the war and MARCANTONIO won this point when it came to an issue with the Communist Party. The Informant noted, however, that the political thinking of MARCANTONIO seldom deviates from that of the Communist Party and for this reason in the Informant's opinion the ALP almost invariably follows the line of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-2 in September, 1952 advised that he had learned from someone who he considered to be in a position to have information of Communist Party activity that the State Committee of the New York and Bronx County Committees of the Communist Party were "again" dissatisfied with MARCANTONIO. On this occasion the Party was dissatisfied because the subject

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had rejected a proposed Chairman of the Bronx County ALP. Informant quoted his source as stating, "MARK is giving us a lot of trouble but we can't press too much. We need him".

Confidential Informant T-4 advised in December, 1952 that he had been in the company of EWERT GUINIER, who Informant described as an official in the United Public Workers Union and also an official in the National Negro Labor Council as well as being very active in the ALP activities in New York City. According to the Informant, much of the conversation with GUINIER centered around criticisms of the leadership of the ALP and particularly VITO MARCANTONIO. According to the Informant, GUINIER stated that he was convinced that the ALP was not a party for the workers and that it was practically a dead issue in New York City.

Confidential Informant T-6 on February 24, 1953 advised that he had been in attendance at a meeting of the ALP held in Syracuse, New York on February 15, 1953. According to the Informant, subject was the main speaker at this meeting and laid down the new laws to be followed by the ALP, which, according to the Informant, are as follows:

1. Opposition to the extension of the war in Korea.
2. Opposition to the Smith Act.
3. Opposition to the McCarran-Walters Law
4. Opposition and repeal of the Taft-Hartley law and restoration of the Wagner Law.
5. Activity of local issues such as the transit hike in New York City and the sales tax in Syracuse, New York.

Informant stated that it was obvious from subject's remarks that he was out to oppose the Communist Party position of limited and reduced role for the ALP, and he frowned on coalitions such as those proposed by the Communists with other liberal political groups. According to the Informant, MARCANTONIO also stated that not only must the ALP confine itself to the minimum program as outlined, but that club officials must not be involved in canvassing for petitions for the ROSENBERGS.

It should be noted that the ROSENBERGS referred to above are ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, who are presently awaiting execution of the death sentence imposed after trial in the Southern District of New York on charges of Espionage under the War Time Statute.

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Confidential Informant T-7 has advised during February and March, 1953 that it has come to his attention from sources whom he considers in a position of responsibility that VITO MARCANTONIO is being fought openly by the Communist Party as regards to utilization of the ALP for Communist Party aims. Informant stated that in Staten Island, New York City, all branches of the ALP were dissolved on instructions of local Communist Party leaders. According to the Informant, the subject was highly incensed over this dissolution since the matter had not even been discussed with him. Informant went on to say that he learned that subject is presently primarily engaged in the fight for "Peace", against the proposed rent increases and is opposing increased subway fares.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File Where Located
T-1, NY-617-S	ALP Rally on 9/30/52	10/3/52	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	134-65-24
	[REDACTED] Rally 10/14/52	10/21/52	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	134-65-40
	ALP Rally, 10/27/52	11/3/52	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	134-65-53
T-2, NY-384-S	Subject and CP in disagree- ment	9/30/52	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	66-6376, memo 10/31/52
T-3, NY-507-S	ALP meeting, 11/2/52	11/4/52	SA ROBERT K. STONER	134-98-79
T-4, NY-795-S	Subject critized for ALP leader- ship	12/12/52	SA DONALD P. ADAMS	134-4-42
T-5, NY-816-S	Subject seldom deviates from CP line	1/29/53	SAS JOSEPH A CULLEN and JAMES N. JULIANA	134-153-14
T-6, AL-2864-S	ALP meeting, 2/15/53	2/24/53	SA JOHN D. MAHONEY	AL 134-27- 1-1A217
T-7, CG-5824-S	Subject "upset" by CP leaders	2/26/53	SA CARL N. FREYMAN	CG 134-46-A
T-8, NYO Conf- idential Mailbox	Subject Chairman of "Prisoners Relief"	4/8/53	SA JOHN T. MURPHY	100-80075- 1B1263

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report activities of subject through Confidential Informants and other investigative techniques.

REFERENCE Report of SA RALPH T. FISHBURN, New York, 10/6/52.

SAC, New York (100-53054)

November 13, 1952

Director, FBI (100-28126)

VITO MARCANTONIO
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By letter dated September 19, 1952, ~~classified secret~~, OSI furnished the Bureau with 2 files containing photographs of American contacts of Amado Hernandez and photographic copies of entries made in his autograph book. Hernandez was the leader of the now-defunct Communist-dominated Congress of Labor Organizations, a labor group of major importance in the Philippines.

The Office of Special Investigations, Headquarters Far East Air Forces advises that the photographs were obtained from [REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED] Hernandez in 1949 traveled through the United States and Great Britain en route to an International Labor Convention in Paris. During this trip many of the entries in Hernandez' autograph book were made.

OSI, FEAF further advises that photographs of the autograph book were made by [REDACTED] took the photographs of the various individuals whose pictures are included in the file. [REDACTED] advised OSI, FEAF that Hernandez' autograph book had not been confiscated.

Attached are 2 copies of an entry which appears to have been made by the above-captioned subject in the aforementioned autograph book. Where the data is illegible, it has been so indicated by question marks.

The attached item is being furnished for your information. In the event the information contained therein is set forth in report form the source should be appropriately protected.

Attachment

cc - 100-357825 (Amado Hernandez)

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Best wishes for a genuinely independent
Phillipino people.

VITO Marcantonio

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SAC, New York (100-24900)

May 12, 1953

Director, FBI

RE: C. L. S. A. T. C. PROSECUTION
OF THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
INTERNAL SECURITY - C, RFP, ISL, M

Reurlet dated 4/3/53.

Reurlet reflects that a photograph and handwriting specimens have been submitted to the Bureau relative to Quincy Goldberg but a review of the Bufile on Goldberg failed to disclose receipt of this material. Reurlet dated 6/11/52 captioned "Leopold Goldberg, wa., Security Matter - C" requested that New York advise of the caption under which the photograph and handwriting specimens may have been submitted. You are again requested to verify the Bureau of the caption under which the photograph and handwriting specimens may have been submitted.

Reurlet also indicated that handwriting specimens of Vito Marcantonio were submitted but review of his file at the Bureau does not reflect receipt of these specimens. You are, therefore, requested to advise of the caption under which these specimens may have been submitted.

2cc - New York File 100-51672 (Quincy Goldberg)
2cc - New York File 100-3054 (Vito Marcantonio)

cc - Bufile 100-352611 (Quincy Goldberg)

✓ cc - Bufile ~~100-32106~~ (Vito Marcantonio)

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OF THE TEACHERS UNION, I.O.E.,
LOCAL 127, 127th Street,
INDULGED BY SOCIALIST LEADERS AND
NATIONALIST. SENT TO BUREAU ALSO
IN THE NEW YORK DIVISION
THE BUREAU SOCIETY - S. L. I. S. L. M.

1. List reflects that a photograph and handwriting specimens have been submitted to the Bureau relative to Quincey Goldberg and a review of the Bufile on Goldberg failed to disclose receipt of this material. Bufile dated 6/11/52 captioned "Leopold Goldberg, wa., Security Matter - C" requested New York advice of the caption under which the photograph and handwriting specimen have been submitted. You are again requested to verify the caption of the caption under which the photograph and handwriting specimen have been forwarded.

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at the Bureau and to reflect receipt of a second scheme.
You are, therefore, requested to advise the caption of
which these schemes may have been submitted.

2cc - New York File 100-1172 (Alvin Karpis)
2cc - New York File 100-49054 (Alvin Karpis)

cc - Bufile 100-352811 (Leroy Solberg)
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cc - Bufile ~~100-34406~~ (Vito Marcantonio)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-028126)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-53054)

SUBJECT: VITO MARCANTONIO, wa
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DATE: 6/12/53

In response to the Bureau's request that samples of subject's handwriting be submitted for inclusion in the National Security file there are enclosed herewith two signatures of the subject.

A thorough review of subject's case file has been made and no other handwriting specimens other than a signature were located. Selective Service Records Indexes covering all of Manhattan (in which Borough subject has resided for a number of years) were searched on 5/29/53 by SE [REDACTED] and subject was not found as a registrant.

Inasmuch as subject was a Congressman during the periods of Selective Service registrations the Washington Field Office, if it is deemed advisable, is requested to review local Selective Service registrations and if located obtain handwriting specimens of the subject for submission to the Bureau.

For the information of the Washington Field Office, subject is white, male, born 12/12/02 at NYC. His place of residence is 231 E. 116th St., NYC. The subject was a member of the US House of Representatives from the 18th Congressional District from approximately 1935 to 1950.

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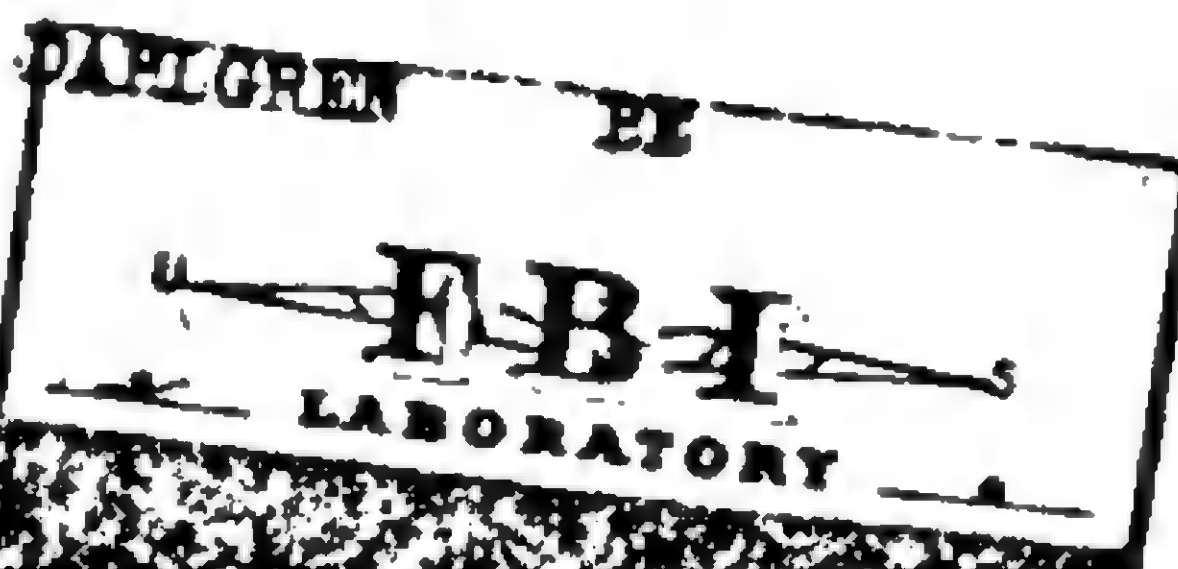
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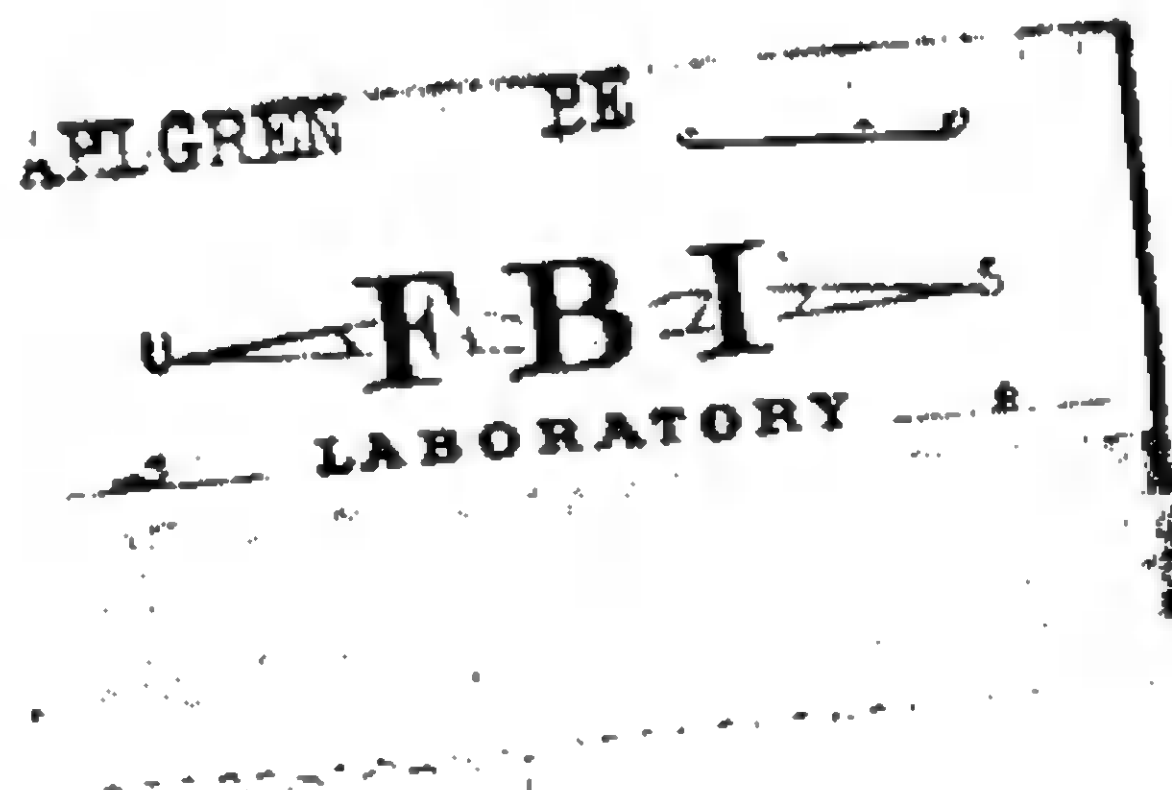
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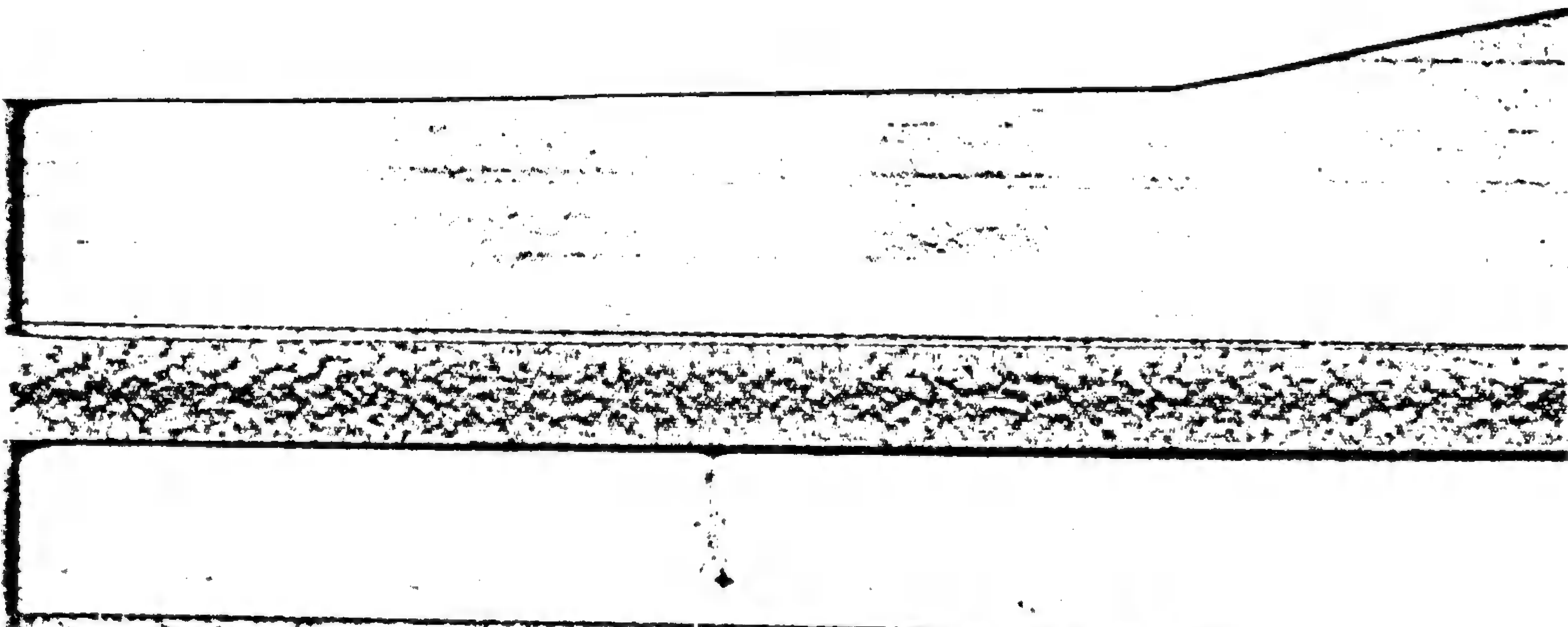




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Handwriting specimens



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

to : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-28126)

DATE: June 18, 1953

FROM : SAC, WFO (101-1556)

SUBJECT: VITO MARCANTONIO, wa.
IS - C

Re New York let to Director 6/12/53.

Mrs. [REDACTED], Office of Selective Service Records, 1721 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised that she had no record of subject as a registrant.

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that subject's age group were required to register on 2/16/42, and that regardless where subject registered his Selective Service records would have been forwarded to the Local Board covering his residence in New York. In addition to registering, subject's age group would have completed a questionnaire and have been classified. Subject by virtue of his duties as a Congressman would have been classified as being exempt from service.

New York requested to ascertain subject's residence and/or business address as of the registration date set for the above, and thereafter make appropriate inquiries at the Selective Service Board covering same.

For New York information, Mrs. [REDACTED] advises that New York City utilizes a central locator index of names of registrants, but that she believed that this index had not been completed, at least for the Bronx, when she last had occasion to make inquiry there. - RUC -

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-28126)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-53054)

SUBJECT: VITO MARCANTONIO, wa.
IS-C

DATE: July 9, 1953

Relet from WFO, Bureau dated 6/18/53.

Mrs. [REDACTED] Records Division, Selective Service Records, 1940 Act, 516 W. 34 St., NYC, advised SE [REDACTED] on 7/1/53 that, under Section 5(c) of the Selective Training and Service Act, 1940, as amended, elected officials of the United States were not required to register for draft classification.

It is noted that subject, according to the Congressional Directory, was officially a U.S. Representative from NYC during the period he was required to register under Selective Service according to his age group. Therefore, as Mrs. [REDACTED] advised, no records for subject and consequently no handwriting specimens would be found in files of the Selective Service System.

Inasmuch as subject was a Congressman for a period of years it is believed that adequate samples of subject's handwriting might be found in records of the Clerk's Office, House of Representatives. If deemed advisable, Washington Field is requested to obtain samples of subjects handwriting from the above or similar source for transmission to the Bureau for inclusion in the National Security file.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-28126)

DATE: August 5, 1953

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-1556)

SUBJECT: VITO MARCANTONIO, wa
IS - C

Re New York letter to Director 7/9/53.

The following investigation was conducted on 7/20/53
by SA ROBERT H. PAUL:

Records of the Clerk's Office, House of Representatives, were reviewed and no handwriting specimens other than numerous signatures of subject were located.

Records of the Sergeant at Arms, House of Representatives, which are now in the custody of the Clerk of the House of Representatives due to the recent death of the Sergeant at Arms, likewise contained no handwriting specimens other than signatures of subject.

Records of the Disbursing Office, House of Representatives, also contained no handwriting specimens other than signatures of subject.

New York letter to Director 6/12/53 reflects New York in possession of subject's signature, therefore, specimens of his signature were not obtained.

In a further effort to obtain handwriting specimens, inquiry at the Clerk's Office, House of Representatives, reflected that subject and Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL served in Congress together as Representatives from New York, frequently voted the same way on many bills and were apparently good friends. It was suggested that Congressman POWELL be contacted as he might be in possession of personal notes or letters from subject which would contain handwriting specimens.

For obvious reasons, it is not felt that this suggestion is appropriate and this office will not contact Congressman POWELL. RUC

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DAILY WORKER UNQUOTE TOLD BETTY GANNETT HE HAD RECEIVED THE RESIGNATION
STATEMENT OF MARCANTONIO FROM THE STATE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE AMERICAN
LABOR PARTY AND FROM THE AMERICAN LABOR PARTY ITSELF. [REDACTED]
QUOTE NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM UNQUOTE STAFF CORRESPONDENT, ADVISED
THIS OFFICE ON NOVEMBER FOURTH, FIFTYTHREE, THAT HE HAD CALLED VITO
MARCANTONIO TO CONFIRM THE REPORT THAT HE HAD RESIGNED FROM THE
AMERICAN LABOR PARTY AS MEMBER AND AS NEW YORK STATE CHAIRMAN.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT, IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION RE RESIGNATION,
MARCANTONIO SAID THAT HE HAD RESIGNED. [REDACTED] ALSO ASKED MARCANTONIO
IF HE WOULD STILL BE THE ATTORNEY FOR BEN GOLD AND ATTORNEY FOR
THE CP BEFORE THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES BOARD. MARCANTONIO REPLIED
THAT THE AMERICAN LABOR PARTY WAS HIS POLITICS AND THE OTHER HIS
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Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-~~28126~~)

DATE: 10/22/53

FROM : SAC, New York (100-53054)

SUBJECT: VITO MARCANTONIO, wa
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11-2-53, 11-4-53

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Practices law at 11 Park Place, New York City, N.Y.

Also has business office at 1484 1st Avenue, New York City, N.Y.

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: March 2, 1954

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO
INTERNAL SECURITY (N)

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With respect to the captioned matter, the Director recalls that former United States Congressman Vito Marcantonio visited Pedro Albizu Campos while the latter was confined to a hospital in New York City and possibly visited Albizu Campos in Puerto Rico subsequent thereto.

There is set forth below a brief summary of pertinent information relative to the relationship between Marcantonio and Albizu Campos which was obtained from the Brief on the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR).

Vito Marcantonio began his active support of the NPPR in the early 1930's and actively participated in a campaign for the defense of Pedro Albizu Campos and 7 other NPPR leaders who were found guilty on July 31, 1936, of conspiracy to overthrow the United States Government.

At an NPPR banquet on February 21, 1943, Marcantonio was one of the speakers and aroused the crowd to a high pitch of emotion due to the inflammatory nature of his talk. He concluded with this statement: "Once blood is let loose for freedom, then we shall have freedom. Viva la Republica de Puerto Rico." (Long live the Republic of Puerto Rico)

On September 29, 1943, our New York Office first received information that Albizu Campos had discovered the existence of a microphone in his hospital room during a conversation which took place between him and unidentified individual. Subsequently, on October 11, 1943, information was obtained that Earl Browder and Marcantonio had visited Albizu Campos at Columbus Hospital on October 9, 1943, and removed this microphone.

In a letter dated August 19, 1949, from Julio de Santiago, then treasurer of the NPPR, to Oscar Collazo, secretary of the NPPR board in New York City, Santiago mentioned a visit of Oscar Collazo to Vito Marcantonio about which "we are very pleased." The letter further stated that a visit to Puerto Rico by Marcantonio would be a great thing for the Nationalist cause. No information was received to indicate that Marcantonio ever made this particular visit.

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It is noted that more detailed data relative to the relationship between Marcantonio and Albizu Campos is contained on pages 96, 112 - 113e, and 205 in the afore-mentioned NPPR Brief which the Director has. A review of the main file on Vito Marcantonio reflects many instances of cooperation with the NPPR and specifically reflects that according to a news clipping from the New York Herald Tribune of August 4, 1936, Marcantonio was in San Juan, Puerto Rico, arguing a motion for a new trial for the 8 Puerto Rican Nationalists convicted in Federal Court for conspiracy to overthrow the authority of the United States Government in Puerto Rico. This same file reflects that a news clipping from the New York Times of August 8, 1936, indicated that Marcantonio would return to New York to prepare an appeal to the Boston Circuit Court of Appeals.

On December 4, 1944, a reliable source advised that Marcantonio was planning to attend the Congress for the Independence of Puerto Rico to be held the following week. This informant further advised that Marcantonio was in constant contact with Albizu Campos from whom Marcantonio was taking all instructions.

On December 11, 1944, another reliable source advised that Marcantonio informed the executives of the NPPR that he was refused a priority to take a plane to Puerto Rico to attend the Congress.

Inquiry has revealed that it may be necessary to check as many as 2700 references to ascertain whether there is any additional information in our files relative to visits to Puerto Rico by Marcantonio. For the sake of expediency in furnishing this information to the Director, these references are not being checked at this time. In the event, however, this is desired, it will be done.

ACTION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be furnished to the Director for his information.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-28126)

DATE: 1/4/54

FROM SAC, New York (100-53054)

SUBJECT: VITO MARCANTONIO
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Reference is made to Bureau air-tel dated 10/26/53 in the case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

On page 44 of the book, "Out of Bondage" by ELIZABETH BENTLEY appears an item concerning the subject. This material does not materially add to or differ from information which has been previously furnished by [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 5/6/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/5,6,9,12-16, 19-23,26,27/54	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH F. NALLY
TITLE VITO MARCANTONIO, wa			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides 231 E. 116th St., NYC. Self-employed attorney and is active politically. Subject reported to have paid CP dues 1934. Also reported to be an opportunist using the CP rather than a CP member. Informants, of known reliability, and "Daily Worker" article indicated that subject was angry at CP treatment of ALP and as a result resigned from the ALP. Prior to resignation, subject was very active politically in the ALP. Upon resignation, formed and incorporated the Good Neighbor Party. Reliable informants report that CP will support subject if he runs for Congress. Subject refused to represent IWO before SACB. Subject requested by CRC to lend his name for Prisoners Relief Appeal. Subject's name on mailing list of Polish Consulate. Subject reportedly contacts EARL BROWDER on legal matters. Subject defended BEN GOLD at Washington, D. C.

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DETAILS:

otherwise indicated.

All informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless

I. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

According to available directories in the New York area, the subject continues to reside at 231 East

AGENCY *Kah*
REQ. REC'D
DATE FORW. *5-12-54*
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BY *John R. [unclear]*

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II. SUBJECT'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE
COMMUNIST PARTY

Source:

T-1

On October 5, 1950, the source advised that the political activity of the Communist Party as of December, 1949 had been carried on under the name of the American Labor Party (ALP). The source advised that it is regarded as the political obligation of every Communist Party member in New York State to enroll and vote American Labor Party.

The source stated that the Party had worked conscientiously during past years for the election of the subject. The informant also advised that LOUIS SASS, identified by the informant as a Communist Party member, had told him that he (SASS) served as Manhattan Campaign Manager for the subject in the 1934 election and collected Communist Party dues from the subject at that time.

The informant stated that he was also advised that GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, New York County Communist Party official, is a personal friend and a Party contact or liaison link for the subject. The informant stated further that Communist Party member BERNARD CHESTER admitted to him that during the 1948 MARCANTONIO Campaign, CHESTER paid to MARCANTONIO, \$15,000.00 as part of a Party contribution towards the campaign.

The informant stated that he recalled CHESTER advised that one Saturday morning, MARCANTONIO contacted CHESTER and asked for the money in a very short period of time (in terms of hours). CHESTER advised the informant that at this time MARCANTONIO was very angry and upset and indicated that he was about to break with the Communist Party unless they could raise this amount of money for him immediately.

According to the informant, CHESTER advised that he was able to raise \$15,000.00 in a very short period of time and

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gave this money to MARCANTONIO as part of a Party contribution toward the campaign.

Source:

T-14

On March 9, 1954, this source, of unknown reliability, who is acquainted with the subject, advised that he was well acquainted with the subject and that it is his opinion that the subject was not a member of the Communist Party but was a follower of the Communist Party line. The informant stated that it is his firm belief that the subject is an opportunist and his following of the Communist Party line was primarily to use the Communist Party.

III. FACTORS LEADING UP TO THE
SUBJECT'S BREAK WITH THE
COMMUNIST PARTY AND HIS
RESIGNATION FROM THE ALP

Source:

T-2

On May 12, 1953, this source advised that the subject and SIMON W. GERSON (identified by the informant as Legislative Director, New York State Communist Party) were at odds over an article written by GERSON to the effect that the Communist Party will support whatever broad united forces needed to break the New York State "reactionary" vote.

The informant advised that there is "bad blood" between the subject and GERSON inasmuch as MARCANTONIO feels he is more experienced in politics having been active in the field of politics for a longer period of time and has held the office of Congressman for several terms, whereas GERSON has held no public office.

The informant stated that in his opinion, it is quite possible that the subject may not be a member of the Communist Party as evidenced by the fact that many times in the past he has followed a course of action directly opposed to that followed by the Communist Party. The informant further stated that it is a known fact that the Communist Party at

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times has been "peeved" over the course of action followed by the subject. The informant stated that MARCANTONIO is a political opportunist seeking aid from anyone and accepting it from everyone including the Communist Party. The informant advised that he has never heard anyone directly state that MARCANTONIO is or has been a Communist Party member.

On July 6, 1953, this source advised that the dispute between MARCANTONIO and SIMON W. GERSON has continued to grow and that in his opinion the ALP was "going on the rocks." The informant pointed out that shortly before the ALP held a Sunday afternoon rally at Randall's Island, New York, and publicly announced the following day that only four thousand persons had attended. He stated that in the past, such a rally would have attracted between ten and twenty thousand persons. The informant pointed out that this was a clear and open indication that the strength of the ALP in New York City had greatly diminished.

On October 30, 1953, this source advised that he had learned that the subject was going to announce his resignation from the ALP on November 4 or 5. According to the informant, MARCANTONIO was going to set up his own political organization in "his Congressional District" and will in all probability try for re-election as Congressman. The informant advised that the subject is "sore at the Communist Party and that is the reason for this action."

Source:

T-3

On May 20, 1953, this source advised that the Communist Party today feels that the ALP is a stumbling block in the way of the Communist Party and feels that in many ways the ALP almost duplicates the Communist Party and is keeping a good many Party people from places where they could do some good.

The informant advised that the subject is feeling the effects of this attitude and is very angry. The informant further stated that on April 29, 1953, there was a conference of New York State leaders of the ALP. At this conference, MARCANTONIO read a prepared speech which attacked those who were taking the position that the ALP had outlived its usefulness.

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MARCANTONIO, in his speech, stated that the ALP had received a small vote in the last election but only because it had ceased to be a political party and had become "a peace organization, a defense organization, a civil rights organization."

According to the informant, the subject is particularly angered with the Communist Party leadership for using the ALP and himself. One of his complaints, according to the informant, is the Communist Party has forgotten he is a lawyer. They go to him for speeches but overlook him when there is legal work to be done. The informant advised that MARCANTONIO is particularly angry that he was dropped as General Consul of the Jewelry Workers Union, "after the Communist Party got a foothold in the union a couple of years ago."

On August 19, 1953, this source advised that the Communist Party is at odds with the subject to withdraw his ALP candidate for Mayor of New York City so that all Communist Party forces can get behind RUDOLPH HALLEY, Liberal Party candidate for Mayor of New York City. The informant stated that the Communist Party does not particularly like HALLEY but is interested in pulling the "skids" out from under the ALP.

Source:

T-4

On May 27, 1953, this source advised that the subject conferred with CLIFFORD MC AVOY, ALP candidate for Mayor of New York City.

With regard to a television debate between MC AVOY and J. B. MATTHEWS, former investigator, House Committee on Un-American Activities, the subject lauded MC AVOY and stated that he was in favor of MC AVOY'S stand. In addition, the subject requested MC AVOY to appear at a club in Greenwich Village on May 28, 1953 to read a letter, "A House Divided Against Itself," which he said was an answer to a letter submitted to the "New York Times" by some "Communist Party stooge."

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Source:

T-5

On July 23, 1953, this source advised that a mass meeting of the ALP was called by the subject and the Communist Party membership was instructed not to attend as MARCANTONIO was expected to "red bait." On the following day, the ALP publicly admitted that there was an attendance of only four thousand people. (S)

The informant advised that the breach between the Communist Party and MARCANTONIO is a open one and in an effort at conciliation, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman, Communist Party, USA, contacted the subject only to come out on the losing end of one of MARCANTONIO'S "verbal lacerations." (S)

On August 28, 1953, this source advised that in a recent contact with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he had been advised that "the Communist Party had succeeded in breaking alliance with the subject." (S)

On September 25, 1953, this source advised that [REDACTED] had made statements to the effect that the subject had been a problem, but that the big problem for the Communist Party was to prevent an open break with them. [REDACTED] is reported to have stated, "As bad as he is, we need him." (S)

On October 1, 1953, this source advised that [REDACTED] had stated that the Communist Party was circulating lies about the subject in an effort to discredit him and hurt his chances in the 1953 elections in New York. (S)

On November 10, 1953, this source advised that [REDACTED] told him of the subject's resignation from the ALP and stated that MARCANTONIO intended to run for Congress. [REDACTED] further advised the informant that the Communist Party would support MARCANTONIO if he did not "red bait." The

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informant [REDACTED]

On November 17, 1953, this source advised that [REDACTED] advised that the subject had been contacted by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER who argued with MARCANTONIO regarding the Communist Party position on the ALP and its slate of candidates. MARCANTONIO was not responsive to any of FOSTER'S arguments. The informant stated that he has it on "good authority" that even though MARCANTONIO has left the ALP, it will continue to exist as a political party and the Communist Party will probably place "a new little man in charge."

On December 9, 1953, this source advised that [REDACTED] had advised him that the leadership of the Communist Party had sent a trade union delegation to the subject to urge him to take the leadership of the ALP. According to [REDACTED] MARCANTONIO was very harsh with the delegation and told them that he did not "play around with organizations."

Source:

T-6

On September 14, 1953, this source advised that the subject, in conversation with GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY (a Communist Party leader convicted in Southern District of New York on January 21, 1953 for violation of the Smith Act), stated that he would do anything of a personal nature for CHARNEY but as far as politics was concerned, he would not even discuss the matter. At this same time, the subject advised CHARNEY to join up with RUDOLPH HALLEY or ROBERT WAGNER, both candidates for Mayor of New York in 1953.

The subject told CHARNEY that he would do anything in his power to help him in court but would do nothing for him politically.

On November 4, 1953, this source advised that the subject had submitted his resignation as chairman of the ALP and of the ALP itself to the "Daily Worker" for publication therein.

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Source:

T-7

On October 8, 1953, this source advised that an individual identified only as "MOISHE" conducted a meeting at which the political situation was discussed. "MOISHE" stated that if the top leadership of the ALP (the subject) could see eye to eye with the Communist Party leadership, an effort would be made to have ALP candidates withdraw in favor of the strong candidates, but because they are Realists and not Marxists "as we are," they will not give in to the demands of the Communist Party. According to the informant, "MOISHE" continued that the Communist Party could foresee the future much more clearly than the ALP which was the reason the top leadership in the Communist Party was endeavoring to have the ALP withdraw its candidates.

"MOISHE" also stated that although MARCANTONIO had helped the Communist Party before Congress and the "Special Committee," and is extremely liberal, he does not possess the Marxist knowledge that "we do" to see that the ALP candidate has no chance to win the election.

Source:

"Daily Worker"

On Page 3, Column 4 of the November 3, 1953 issue of the above publication, appears an article setting out in part the resignation of the subject from the ALP. This source reflected the following statements made by the subject:

"For too long now the ALP has been 'house divided' against itself between us who believed in the ALP as an effective political party nominating and electing candidates and those who I charged last April were attempting to force upon us the role of a pressure group. Throughout, we have been the representatives of the majority of the ALP."

According to the "Daily Worker," MARCANTONIO said, "The contest had reached a crisis during the past year and the crux of the debate centered around the issue of nominating or

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"not nominating candidates of the 1953 Municipal Election. The great majority of the representatives of the enrolled voters decided to nominate candidates on the sameness on issues of all of the opposing parties and of the forces behind them...

"I reject the course of a purge of the minority. It is repugnant to the democratic principles to which I have subscribed throughout my political career. At the same time, I must reject the concept of continuing an illusion of the ALP today being an effective political party when in effect, as a result of the conditions I have described, the ALP is and will continue to be nothing but a pressure group."

MARCANTONIO also stated that he would "continue to strive as an independent for the things for which I have striven so hard."

Source:

T-8

On November 4, 1953, this source advised that he had contacted the subject to confirm the report that he had resigned from the ALP. The informant advised that MARCANTONIO answered this question with the statement:

"I have resigned from the ALP." The informant then asked MARCANTONIO if he still intended to be attorney for BEN GOLD, International President, International Fur and Leather Workers Union, at that time under indictment for falsely signing the Taft-Hartley Non-Communist Affidavit, and the Communist Party before the Subversive Activities Control Board. In reply to this question, MARCANTONIO stated "the ALP was my politics, the other my livelihood."

Source:

T-9

On November 4, 1953, this source advised that the subject had resigned from the ALP and intended to form the Good Neighbor Party.

Source:

T-12

On December 7, 1953, this source advised that speakers at a forum sponsored by the Jefferson School of Social Science

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(designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450) held December 6, 1953, announced that the subject and five other top leaders of the ALP were resigning. The sponsors referred to MARCANTONIO as a "red baiter" because of the fact that he was placing the blame for the poor showing of the ALP in the New York City elections directly on the shoulders of the Communist Party.

IV. OTHER POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Source:

"Daily Worker"

Page 8, Column 1 of the June 25, 1953 issue of the above publication reflected an advertisement setting forth that the subject as State Chairman of the ALP would speak at an ALP Peace Festival and Rally Sunday, June 28, 1953 at the Triboro Stadium, Randalls, Island, New York.

In this regard, it is noted that informants, as set out above, have indicated poor attendance at this rally.

Page 6, column 3, of the July 24, 1953 issue under the heading, "MARCANTONIO Flays Lies at Police Trial," the subject denied all charges made against the ALP to the effect that a police officer had been promised the position of police commissioner if the ALP came into power in New York City. MARCANTONIO stated in part, "I would not have commented on the perjurous' fiction uttered against the ALP were it not for the fact that a certain section of the press is now using these lies again to smear the political party that is making a fight against their increases and against political characters who are being forced on the people by other parties."

Page 6, Column 1 of the August 10, 1953 issue under the caption, "Elections," "VITO MARCANTONIO, State Chairman ALP took exception to the position of the 'Daily Worker' on the Municipal Elections." MARCANTONIO charged in his statement that the "Daily Worker," through a series of articles, had sworn to influence ALP members to support RUDOLPH HALLEY, Liberal Party Mayoralty Candidate, New York City. The ALP, said MARCANTONIO, will press its campaign for CLIFFORD T. MC AVOY for Mayor of New York and would oppose all others.

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Page 3, Column 1, of the February 4, 1954 issue of the "Daily Worker" under the heading "MARCANTONIO Gets Charter for Good Neighbor Party," the article reflects that the subject and two associates had incorporated the Good Neighbor Party at Albany and that this party would personally be a vehicle for the campaign to re-elect MARCANTONIO to Congress from the 18th Congressional District in Manhattan.

Page 6, Column 1, February 16, 1954 issue under the heading, "MARCANTONIO Challenges DEWEY to Let Voters Back Candidates," in which article reflected that MARCANTONIO made public a letter to Governor DEWEY of New York in which he called for the repeal of the "WILSON-AKULA Law" charging that said law was primarily intended to keep him (the subject) out of Congress.

Source:

T-2

On January 8, 1954, this source advised that according to SIMON GERSON, identified above, the subject will run for Congress in the forthcoming election in his "own district" but not on the ALP ticket. GERSON stated that the subject is building his own "machine" but the Communist Party will support him in his efforts to be re-elected Congressman no matter what ticket he runs on.

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Source:

T-10

This source advised on November 19, 1953 that the International Workers Order, designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, had attempted to retain the subject to represent them before the SACB. According to the informant, MARCANTONIO refused to represent them.

Source:

T-11

On November 25, 1953, this source advised that on or about November 5, 1953 the subject was requested by the

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Civil Rights Congress to lend his name to the Prisoners Relief Appeal inasmuch as he had done so in the past.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Source:

T-5

On February 5, 1954, this source advised that the subject sees EARL BROWDER, former General Secretary, Communist Political Association and Communist Party, USA, but only on certain legal problems.

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T-2 NY 779-S*	GERSON and MARCANTONIO at odds	5/12/53 7/6/53		
	Subject to resign ALP	10/30/53		
	Subject to run for Congress on Independent Ticket	1/8/54		
T-3 NY 559-S	Communist Party line re MARCANTONIO and ALP	5/20/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY (oral)	100-53054-964
	Subject at odds with Communist Party	8/19/53	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER (oral)	100-53054-989
T-4 NY 603-S	5/27/53	5/27/53		

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Contact with top
Communist Party
leaders, New York,
New York

10/8/53

SA JOHN W.
DOOLEY
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T-8 NELSON FRANK, Staff Correspondent, "New York World Telegram and Sun"	Subject's resignation from ALP	11/4/53	SA JOSEPH F. NALLY (Oral)	100-53054-1000
T-9 NY 719-S*		11/4/53		
T-10 NY 798-S	MARCANTONIO refused to represent International Workers Order	11/19/53	SA FRANK J. NOWLAN SA RICHARD H. ASH (Oral)	100-53054-1014
T-11 CSNY 58-S	Sponsor Prisoners Relief Appeal	11/25/53	SA MALCOLM J. BARRETT SE VINCENT H. MC PEAK (written)	100-53054-1017
T-12 CSNY 984-S	Subject's resignation from ALP	12/7/53	SA DONALD E. HARTNETT (Oral)	100-53054-1026

T-14 CONRAD LYNN	Subject not a Communist Party member	3/9/54	SA RAPHAEL J. WIK, JR. SA LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE (oral)	100-53054-1047
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Will continue to follow and report activities of the subject.

REFERENCE: Report of SA RALPH T. FISHBURN, 6/4/53, New York.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-28126)

DATE: 8/31/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-53054) ✓

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9-9-54SUBJECT: VITO MARCANTONIO, wa
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7/1/54Enclosed herewith are five copies of the report of SA JAMES
FERNAN, 8/31/54, at NY.

In view of the fact that the subject is deceased, the NYO has
destroyed Security Index cards maintained on VITO MARCANTONIO. The
Bureau is requested to destroy their Security Index cards on the
subject.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 8/31/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/9, 17, 18, 24/54	REPORT MADE BY JAMES FERNAN cd
TITLE VITO MARCANTONIO, wa			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: VITO MARCANTONIO died 8/9/54; buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, New York, 8/12/54.

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DETAILS: The records of the Department of Health, 125 Worth Street, New York City, were checked on August 18, 1954 by SE [REDACTED] and death certificate # 16691, maintained by this department, reflects the death of VITO MARCANTONIO.

The certificate reflects that VITO MARCANTONIO, born December 10, 1902 at New York City to SAMUEL MARCANTONIO and ANGELINA DE BEVETIS, DOVITIS died August 9, 1954 at the intersection of Warren Street and Broadway, New York City. VITO MARCANTONIO's occupation was listed as "Lawyer." His residence is noted as 231 East 116th Street, New York City.

CASE
Medical examination notes #9529, as reviewed by SE [REDACTED] on August 18, 1954 at New York City Board of Health, reflects as the cause of death of VITO MARCANTONIO: coronary arteriosclerosis and thrombosis, myocardial fibrosis.

These records indicate that identification of the body was made by MIRIAM MARCANTONIO, the wife of VITO MARCANTONIO. MIRIAM MARCANTONIO advised the subject would be interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, New York,

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on August 12, 1954, per arrangements with Ralph Giordano Funeral Home, 2242 First Avenue, New York City.

The late city edition of the August 13, 1954 issue of the "New York Herald Tribune," a newspaper printed daily, contains an article which reports that funeral services had been conducted on the previous day for VITO MARCANTONIO and that he had been buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, New York.

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SAC, New York (100-53054)

November 29, 1954

Director, FBI (100-28126)

VITO MARCANTONIO
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By letter dated August 31, 1954, you requested the destruction of the Security Index cards on the subject because of his death.

A check of the records of the Identification Division shows that a [REDACTED] is still outstanding for the subject. This notice has now been cancelled. The matter is being brought to your attention to remind you that in the future upon the cancellation of Security Index cards you should also request the Bureau to cancel any [REDACTED] that might be outstanding.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-28126)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-53054)

SUBJECT: VITO MARCANTONIO, wa
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DATE: 2/5/55

Re Bureau air-tel, 1/28/55, to NY, entitled "Former Security Informant" (Bufile 100-375988).

Enclosed are 5 copies of amended page 5 of report of SA RALPH T. FISHBURN, 10/6/52, NY. This page has been amended to show "of known unreliability" after the name [REDACTED] on page 5, line 1, paragraph 1.

These pages are to replace the original in the above report. NY copies of this report have been corrected.

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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: April 5, 1955

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN EMANUEL CELLER NY

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Per your request, there are attached four
 Photostats of the eulogy by Representative Celler
 concerning the death of Vito Marcantonio as it
 appeared in the Congressional Record for August 10,
 1954.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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WASHINGTON, TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1954

No. 154

House of Representatives

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.
The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D., offered the following prayer:

O Thou great God, our creator and benefactor, whose blessings are abundantly sufficient for our many needs, show us how we may help mankind attain unto new and nobler standards of life and add to its richness and glory, its wonder and joy.

Inspire us with a greater concern for human rights and human welfare and may men and nations learn the art and the blessedness of living and walking together in peace.

We are daily praying that those who hold positions of leadership may be endowed with wisdom and understanding, faith and fortitude, patience and perseverance as they plan and labor to lead and lift humanity to the high plateau of brotherhood.

Hear us in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Tribbe, one of his secretaries.

THE LATE VITO MARCANTONIO

Mr. CELLER. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of sorrow that I announce the demise of the late lamented Vito Marcantonio, who formerly was a Member of this House from the State of New York.

One may have disagreed with him but one could never find any fault with his method of disagreement. He was a Member of this House who always fought hard for what he deemed right. He always fought fair. He had great courage and determination—a determination as firm as a rock you hold in your hand and a courage as fierce as lightning. He brought to bear upon his services in this House erudition, keen intelligence, hard

work, and what to him was a sincerity of purpose.

He may have been enthusiastically misguided in his espousal of certain causes. But that was his right. He ever stood for the preservation of fundamental liberties, and, using the words of our distinguished Chaplain this morning, he always sought the enhancement of human rights and human welfare.

He was, indeed, a redoubtable opponent. One had to bring up the best of his battalions even to meet him on equal terms. He easily found the chink in any opponent's armor. He knew long in advance the adversary's weakness.

He was one of the most skilled debaters in the Congresses he attended. He was an adept, artful parliamentarian. No one knew the rules better than he and he used that parliamentary knowledge and art with telling effect.

He was ever kind, modest, and just. I disagreed with him frequently—sometimes vehemently. We can no longer disagree and all scores are even.

Death is a mighty leveler. He now sleeps the sleep of death from which there is no awakening.

He was a Catholic by faith, and I presume a true disciple of his creed. I am sure, like David of old, he trusted in God's mercy and rejoiced in his salvation, for God was his shepherd and benefactor.

He had many setbacks; he had experienced many failures and frustrations, but one never found him bitter or rancorous or unduly condemnatory. There was no personal animosity about him; there was never self-pity. He was ever cordial and friendly. He was respected by his colleagues.

Our sympathy and condolence go forth to his dear wife and mother who survive him.

In closing, permit me to quote a verse of Stevenson's Requiem:

Under the wide and starry sky,
Dig the grave and let me lie.
Glad did I live, and gladly die,
And I laid me down with a will.

This be the verse you grave for me:
"Here he lies, where he longed to be;
Home is the sailor, home from the sea,
And the hunter home from the hill."

(Mr. HOFFMAN of Michigan addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Appendix.)

Mr. MULTER. Mr. Speaker, many of us had our differences with our late colleague, Vito Marcantonio. Many on my side of the aisle, when he first came here in 1934, having been elected to this House as a Republican, members of my party, differed with him politically. I did, too. Later when he led the American Labor Party, many of us on both sides of the aisle differed with him politically. But he was truly a good American. Despite his differences politically with us, he was always honest in his convictions. He was fair in his political warfare. As a man, we respected him in life and it is fitting that we pay respect to his memory today.

There were few who were as good parliamentarians in this House as was Congressman Marcantonio when he was with us. But, knowing all of the intricacies of parliamentary law, he never took unfair advantage of anyone; he always gave due notice of what he intended to do, and when he gave his word, it was his bond.

Mr. Speaker, I join our colleagues today in extending to his aged mother and his beloved wife our sincere sympathy. May his soul rest in peace.

Mr. CELLER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. McCARTHY).

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my colleagues in saying a word in regard to the gentleman from New York, concerning whose death we have just received notice. I think most of us know that on many occasions his name was made a kind of byword; the fact that one had voted with him was used as argument that one was unfit to serve in the Congress. I knew him during only one term in this Congress, and I judge him only by his actions on the floor of this House and by things he said while I was a Member here with him. And, I say quite frankly that never did he support anything on the floor of this House or advocate anything which any good American, allowing for the great differences of opinion among Americans, might not have ad-

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FROM: J. A. Sizoo

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SUBJECT: SURVEILLANCE OF SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN

This is to advise that a review has been made of any investigative files recalled by personnel of this Division concerning members of Congress of whom we have had some investigative interest, and we find no indication that we have had a wiretap installation on any such Congressmen and none have been under physical surveillance with the exception of the following incident.

In reviewing those files today concerning Vito Marcantonio, who was a Congressman some years ago and who was considered to be an avowed Communist, New York advised that on October 25, 1947, information was received from another telephone surveillance that Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, and Marcantonio, were to meet at 3:00 that date at Marcantonio's residence. New York Agents covered the residence and observed Marcantonio arrive at the residence by automobile at about 3:00 p.m., and immediately thereafter Dennis also arrived. They shook hands outside the Marcantonio residence and entered the residence, remaining there for approximately an hour. Thereafter they left and went their separate ways, not under surveillance.

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TO : Mr. C. D. Brennan

FROM : R. D. Cotter

SUBJECT: FBI SURVEILLANCES
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- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
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- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop

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Jack Anderson's column in 4/10/71 issue of Washington Post insinuated that the Director had strained the truth in denying that no member of Congress had been under surveillance. Specifically Anderson referred to alleged surveillances of four Congressmen, namely the late Representative Vito Marcantonio (American-Labor, New York); ex Representative Roland Libonati (D-Illinois); Representative Cornelius Gallagher (D-New Jersey); Representative Peter Frelinghuysen (R-New Jersey). Marcantonio held blatant Communist sympathies.

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EX-REPRESENTATIVE VITO MARCANTONIO

Case file on Marcantonio contains no information that he was ever subjected to electronic or physical surveillance despite his blatant communist sympathies. While Marcantonio was never subjected to electronic surveillance, he was monitored on other electronic surveillances on several occasions in the 30's and 40's during contact with Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of CPUSA, at CPUSA headquarters or at Dennis' home. Marcantonio was also monitored on a similar coverage on David Rein, Washington attorney, who has represented CPUSA members.

Electronic surveillances of Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) establishments revealed scheduled meetings in certain apartments or other locations. This resulted in FBI Agents occasionally observing Marcantonio entering these meetings during the course of their coverage to determine attendance of known or suspected CP members. Marcantonio was never surveilled either to or from any CP meetings covered by FBI Agents.

Our electronic surveillance indices reveal that Marcantonio's name was mentioned during coverage in Chicago in 1959 of a criminal case - Marcantonio had died, however, 5 years earlier in 1954.

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Truth Strained on Hill Shooting

By Jack Anderson

The redoubtable J. Edgar Hoover was straining the truth a bit when he told Senate GOP leader Hugh Scott this week that no member of Congress has been under FBI surveillance.

Competent sources inside the FBI told us that G-men have shadowed at least four congressmen. They are:

The late Rep. Vito Marcantonio, American Labor, N.Y., suspected of Communist ties; ex-Rep. Richard Libonati (D-Ill.) suspected of Mafia connections; Rep. Cornelius Gallagher (D-Kan.) suspected of Mafia associations; Rep. Peter Freuchen (R-Neb.), who was under FBI surveillance before to protect him from a blackmail attempt.

We were unable to confirm House Democratic leader Hale Boggs' charge that the FBI has tapped congressional phones. But we have established that at least one member of Congress, including one who has been investigated by the FBI as the result of extensive eavesdropping.

Boggs was looking for Black's car and reported to Hoover: "WFO (Washington Field Office) will be alert for any information which would indicate Black's whereabouts." He did or didn't keep his appointment with Sen. Mike Monroney. FBI subsequently checked into Monroney's contract. Victor Albert is now House Prentiss got the contract to construct a House garage.

House GOP leader Gerald Ford, who leaped to the House floor to defend Hoover, from Boggs' charges, has been caught up himself in more than one FBI investigation.

Ford Checked

In the Voloshen-Sweig case, the FBI learned that a third member of their fixt team, Robert Winterberger, sometimes operated out of Ford's office.

Earlier, the FBI bugged lobbyist Fred Black's hotel. A telephone conversation between AVCO's Earl (Red) Blaik and Ford, FBI agents, checking on the monitored conversation, found that Blaik had enlisted Ford's aid in preventing a probe of an AVCO defense contract.

The FBI also overheard Black make a breakfast date over the telephone with Oklahoma's Rep. Carl Albert and ex-Sen. Mike Monroney. Agents waited up to Capitol Hill next morning, searched in vain for Black's car and reported to Hoover: "WFO (Washington Field Office) will be alert for any information which would indicate Black's whereabouts."

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Listening devices have also been used in the investigations of Libonati, Gallagher and other members of Congress. It would be difficult to prove, however, that wiretaps have actually been installed on congressional phones.

Ex-Sen. Edward Long (D-Mo.) also conducted a Senate investigation of eavesdropping, and that his electronic experts had made a sweep of Senate corridors and had picked up no indication that the office of ex-Senators Ralph Abner (D-Tex.) and Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.) were bugged. A later thorough search of their offices, however, failed to uncover the listening devices.

Nixon's Summaries

President Nixon charged in his TV talk with Howard K. Smith that the media had given a distorted picture of the Laos invasion. His view was backed, the President said, upon a two-week summary of newspaper and television coverage.

Afterward, press secretary Ron Ziegler explained that the President was referring to the regular press digests he receives every day.

We have now obtained access to some of these digests, which boil down the daily press reports into succinct, easy-to-read capsules. It is a new story, flatter more than a later paragraph.

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 Times Herald ☒
 The Washington Daily News ☒
 The Evening Star (Washington) ☒
 The Sunday Star (Washington) ☒
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 New York Post ☒
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The press coverage of the Laos invasion usually was summarized in one of two typewritten pages of short items. White House aide Pat Buchanan, who prepares the digests, selects both favorable and critical stories to compile for presidential reading.

The digest for March 22, 1971, for example, began with this item: "The U.S. command indicated the two-day air strikes on NVN were highly successful saying pilots destroyed three missile sites, touching off 100 explosions."

The next item reported: U.S. crews manning the fleet of 600 helicopters which supported SVN's Laos offensive began withdrawing from Khe Sanh as the campaign neared its end. Final units in the Saigon task force retreated under heavy Communist fire.

Next: "U.S. helicopter gunships battling in Laos proved for the first time they are more than a match for hostile tanks, said an army officer just back from the war zone. Even more important, said Lt. Col. Robert Molinelli, U.S. helicopter pilots over Laos met 'the heaviest antiaircraft fire we have ever encountered' and proved they could survive it."

The daily digest devoted more space, in fact, to the coverage of Mr. Nixon's TV appearance with Smith than to the coverage of the Laos fighting.

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Director, FBI

Re: VITO MARCANTONIO
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find two photostatic copies of the testimony of Congressman Vito Marcantonio before the Individual Exclusion Order Hearing Board, Second Service Command. He appeared as a witness before the board in behalf of one, ARMANDO GENNARIZZO, who was being considered by the board for exclusion from the Eastern Military Area.

It is noted that Marcantonio was questioned in detail regarding his attitude toward American Aid to the Allies and his change of attitude after Russia entered the war. This testimony was all under oath and is being submitted for the Bureau's information and interest.

Very truly yours,

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